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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to dispensing devices for drinks or similar dosable liquid foodstuffs, e.g. coffee, milk or soft drinks, comprising manually actuatable selector switches for determining the type and quantity of the foodstuff to be dispensed. The aim of the invention is to simplify the use of one such dispensing device. To this end, said device is provided with an identification device (10) for identifying different types of containers (1) for receiving the foodstuff with subsequent consumption from the container, and for emitting an identification signal describing the container. The dispensing device is also provided with a valve device (20) which, on the basis of the identification signal, connects at least one of a plurality of supply devices (30 to 32) for supplying a defined foodstuff or a mixture of defined foodstuffs by means of a filling device (25), and fills the container (1) with a pre-determined quantity of the defined foodstuff or the mixture thereof. Said arrangement enables the customer to determine the amount of foodstuff to be contained in the container, by the selection of the container, thus simplifying the operation of the dispensing device.